



# Fetal Death in Tennessee, 2017-2021

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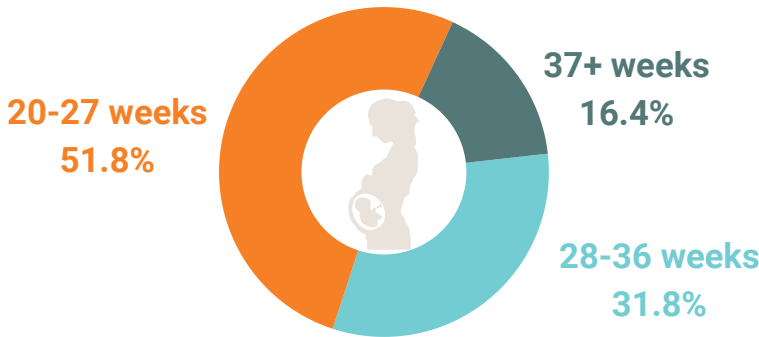
From 2017 - 2021 there was an annual average of **567** Fetal Deaths in TN (later than 20 gestational weeks and/or over 350g)

In 2021, the fetal mortality rate in Tennessee was 6.6 fetal deaths per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths

**The Healthy People 2030 Target is 5.7**

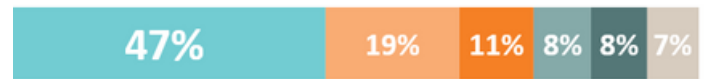
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## When does it happen?



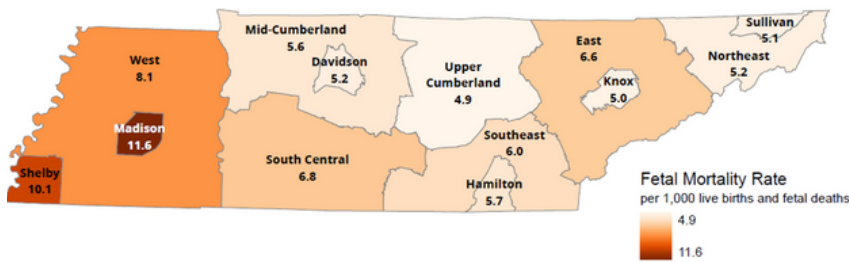
## What are the causes?

Often, due to lack of understanding and limited investigative efforts the cause is unknown.

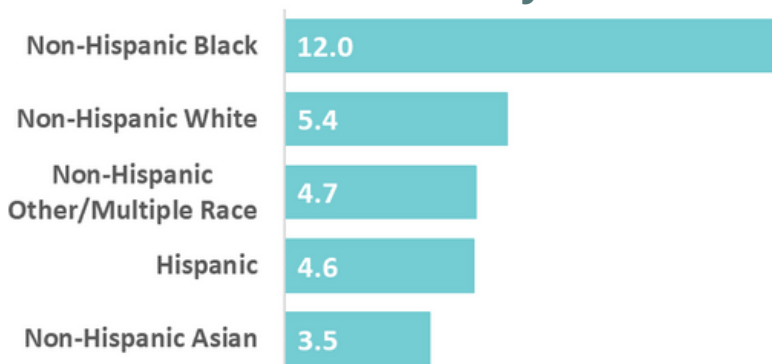


- Unspecified Cause
- Problems with Placenta, Cord, or Membrane
- Maternal health issues related to pregnancy
- Maternal health issues not related to pregnancy
- Problems with the baby's development
- All other causes

## Where does it happen?



## Fetal Mortality Rate by Maternal Race/Ethnicity



## Risk Factors

- Pre-pregnancy Diabetes or Hypertension
- Obese Pre-Pregnancy BMI
- Any Smoking during pregnancy
- Maternal Syphilis or Hepatitis C
- History of Fetal Death or Preterm Birth



Fetal mortality rates for pregnant women without any prenatal care were 5.3 times the rate for those with any prenatal care